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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN GARLAND COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (6-2) -- The Arkansas State Highway Commission has opened bids for improvements to roadways in Garland County, according to Commission Chairman Carl Rosenbaum of Little Rock and Garland County Judge Larry Williams.

The purpose of the first project is to resurface two miles of Highway 7, in Hot Springs. Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. of Hot Springs, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$745,543.50.

“This project will begin at Lake Hamilton and continue to the northeast to Buena Vista Road,” stated Rosenbaum.

A second project will resurface .75 miles of County Roads 342 and 820, west of Hot Springs. Martin Marietta Materials, Inc. of Hot Springs, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$87,808.20.

“Improvements to County Road 342 will be done south of Highway 70, and, work on County Road 820 will take place north of Highway 70,” stated Judge Williams.

A final project will resurface approximately nine miles of County Road 67, north of Lonsdale, County Roads 73 and 499, north of Hot Springs Village, and County Roads 76 and 216, near Mountain Valley. Spa Construction Company, Inc. of Hot Springs, Arkansas, was awarded this contract at \$264,820.85.

“Keeping our county roads in good condition is always a top priority,” added Judge Williams.

Rosenbaum noted that the County Road project is funded through the State Aid Road Program established by the legislature and administered by the State Aid Division of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department. This program provides approximately \$20 million annually from the state motor fuels tax to assist counties with projects of their choosing on the county road system.

Rosenbaum said work could begin on the projects in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Work on both projects should be completed in late September of this year.

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